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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:

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AN ACT PROHIBITING OPEN CONTAINERS OF ALCOHOL IN MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section:

3 (1) "Alcoholic beverage" has the same meaning as provided in
4 section 30-1 of the general statutes;

5 (2) "Highway" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-1 of
6 the general statutes;

7 (3) "Open alcoholic beverage container" means a bottle, can or other
8 receptacle (A) that contains any amount of an alcoholic beverage, and
9 (B) (i) that is open or has a broken seal, or (ii) the contents of which are
10 partially removed;

11 (4) "Passenger" means any occupant of a motor vehicle other than
12 the operator; and

13 (5) "Passenger area" means (A) the area designed to seat the
 14 operator of and any passenger in a motor vehicle while such vehicle is
 15 being operated on a highway, or (B) any area that is readily accessible
 16 to such operator or passenger while such person is in such person's
 17 seating position; except that, in a motor vehicle that is not equipped
 18 with a trunk, "passenger area" does not include a locked glove
 19 compartment, the area behind the last upright seat closest to the rear of
 20 the motor vehicle or an area not normally occupied by the operator of
 21 or passengers in such motor vehicle.

22 (b) No person shall possess an open alcoholic beverage container
 23 within the passenger area of a motor vehicle while such motor vehicle
 24 is on any highway in this state.

25 (c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to:
 26 (1) A passenger in a motor vehicle designed, maintained and primarily
 27 used for the transportation of persons for hire; and (2) a passenger in
 28 the living quarters of a recreational vehicle, as defined in section 14-1
 29 of the general statutes.

30 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this
 31 section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2007	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]